

to the exchange only of that surplus which we cannot consume for those articles of reasonable comfort or convenience which we cannot produce. (To a Democratic Delegation, 1809. C. VIII., 163.)

ENGLAND.—Our people and merchants must consider their business as not yet settled with England. After exercising the self-denial which was requisite to carry us through the war they must push it a little further to obtain proper peace arrangements with them. They can do it all the better as all the world is open to them; and it is very extraordinary if the whole world besides cannot supply them with what they want. I think it essential to exclude them from the carriage of American produce. (Written from Paris to- James Monroe, 1785. F. IV., 40.)

ENGLAND.—In spite of treaties, England is still our enemy. Her hatred is deep rooted and cordial, and nothing is wanted with her but the power to wipe us and the land we live on out of existence. Her interest, however, is her ruling passion; and the late American measures have struck at that so vitally, and with an energy, too, of which she thought us quite incapable, that a possibility seems to open of forming some arrangement with her when they shall see decidedly, that, without it we shall suppress their commerce with us, they will be agitated by their avarice, on the one hand, and their hatred and their fear of us on the other. The result of this conflict of dirty passion is yet to be awaited. The body of people of this country love us cordially, but ministers and merchants love nobody. The merchants here are endeavoring to exclude us from their islands. The ministers will be governed in it by political motives, and will do it or not do it, as these shall appear to dictate, without love or hatred to anybody. (To John Lang-don, 1785. C. I., 429-)

ENGLAND.—I returned but three or four days ago from a two months trip to England. I traversed that country much, and own both town and country fell short of my expectations. Comparing it with this [France] I found a much greater proportion